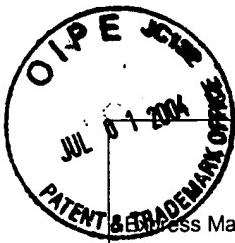


07-06-04

ITW



U.S.P.S. EXPRESS MAIL "POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE
DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Express Mail Label No.: EV 327 130 515 US

Date of Deposit: July 2, 2004

BRINKS
HOFER
GILSON
& LIONE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: John Christopher Van Gorp, et al.
 Appln. No.: 10/773,488
 Filed: February 6, 2004
 For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
CALCULATING AND DISTRIBUTING
UTILITY COSTS
 Attorney Docket No: 6270/134

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit:

Mail Stop DD
 Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO 1449; Copy of cited reference B1.
 Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- No additional fee is required.
 Small Entity.
 An extension fee in an amount of \$ _____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
 A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$ _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(______).
 An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity		
					Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ _____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
 Payment by credit card in the amount of \$ _____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

7-2-04

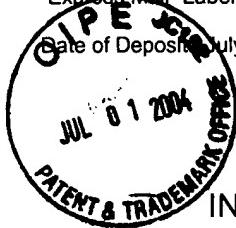
Date

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Katz (Reg. No. 42,711)

"Express Mail" Label No. EV 327 130 515 US

Date of Deposit: July 2, 2004



Our Case No.: 6270/134

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John Christopher Van Gorp et al.

Serial No.: 10/773,488

Filing Date: February 6, 2004

For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
CALCULATING AND
DISTRIBUTING UTILITY COSTS

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit No.: Unassigned

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)

Kreiss Johnson Technologies, Inc., "Open Advancing Substation Automation" brochure, 13 pages, San Diego, CA ©2003 Kreiss Johnson Technologies, Inc..

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been

made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



James L. Katz
Registration No. 42,711
Attorney for Applicant(s)

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. Box 10395
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 321-4200



FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 10/733,488	CASE NO. 6270/134
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE February 6, 2004	GROUP ART UNIT Not Yet Assigned
(use several sheets if necessary)	APPLICANT(S): John Christopher Van Gorp, et al.	

REFERENCE DESIGNATION **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
------------------	---	------	------	--------------------	-------------

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
------------------	---	------	---------	--------------------	--------------------------

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>			
	B1	Kreiss Johnson Technologies, Inc., "Open Advancing Substation Automation" brochure, 13 pages, San Diego, CA ©2003 Kreiss Johnson Technologies, Inc.		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.